



Principal's Corner

What a great time of the year! Though it may look different that what we're used to, there are still so many things to be grateful for. Personally, I'm grateful for a school community that cares so deeply about their students, families, and teachers. Together, we have accomplished some great feats over the last several months! I'm grateful for opportunities to learn and grow, to challenge ourselves to do and be better, and for patience all-the-while! This holiday season, instead of focusing on what we don't have or can't do, let's focus on what we do have and what we can do! Memories are what *you* make of them!

I sincerely wish you and yours a magical & memorable holiday season, with best wishes for good health, happiness, and peace in the upcoming new year.

Train your mind and heart to see the good in everything. There is always something to be grateful for.

Mrs. Mathieu



Calendar of Events

January 4th

RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING! 😊

4:15- School Board Meeting

January 18th

No School

January 22nd

Quarter 2 ends / Grades close

January 29th

Quarter 2 report cards go home



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**Looking forward to seeing our students
in person on January 4, 2021!**

~Students of the Month~

*Henry Glover, Zaya Sierad,
Brooke Brochu, Samuel Thomas,
Kody Edwards, Drew Pettit*



News from Pre-K & Kindergarten

In Science, Kindergarten and PreK learned about how animals survive winter in colder areas of the world: whether they hibernate, adapt to the environment, or migrate to warmer areas. In Math, Kindergarten has been learning about sorting objects by different attributes, such as shape, color, or size. They have recently begun discussing measurable attributes of objects, such as length or height, weight, and capacity, as well as words used to describe those attributes.

In Language Arts, we have been working on naming, reading, and writing lowercase letters using both the Foundations and Handwriting Without Tears programs. We have been reading lots of leveled readers, learning about winter and animals while reading kindergarten level sight words.

Mrs. Hemon

News from 1st Grade

First graders continued to persevere through remote challenges. They are starting to be able to complete activities on Google Classroom with fewer complications! This just goes to show that with practice you will get better at whatever you are trying to do. I have observed on several occasions students trying to troubleshoot and explain to others how to fix a technology issue.

We have read stories together about frogs, trying your best, and butterflies. We have also practiced using breakout rooms to read one on one. This was exciting to do, as I was able to see what great readers first graders are becoming! This

month we learned about different types of maps, why they are important, how to use maps, and even made a few of our own maps. Although this is not an easy skill to learn remotely students have worked hard to make the best of a difficult situation.

We are ending the month with some fun holiday activities. Although it is not the normal December that we are used to, we are still able to enjoy some holiday crafts and activities. I want to wish everyone a happy holiday! I am looking forward to seeing students on January 4!

Mrs. Ricker

News from 2nd & 3rd Grade

We have made it to Christmas vacation still strong! This whole group of children deserve to be acknowledged for much hard work and solid learning during our period of remote learning. Second graders have made it to the start of double-digit addition and third graders are multiplying! Thank you goes out to our families for helping this to happen.

We concluded December with learning about Christmas traditions around the world. It is an interesting way for us to learn about how the world's many cultures express themselves in their visual arts, music and traditional stories and practices. Also, this gave us a chance to compare traditions of other people with our own familiar traditions. This was a little different than how we commonly celebrate the holidays in school, but also fun!

Mrs. Hodge



News from 4th & 5th Grade

December is nearly gone and Christmas is upon us. There has been sooooo much effort put into remote learning by all of us--staff, students, and parents. I am amazed at how diligent everyone has been in our collective efforts to make this work. Fourth and fifth graders have finished a novel, worked tirelessly on multiplication and division of whole numbers and decimals, learned a bunch of facts about the weather and climate, and studied the early European explorers and settlers that started the colonization of North America--specifically NH. We also had time to combine Science with making some Christmas ornaments. We've struggled together, learned together, and laughed together.

Let's hope 2021 brings us back together again, in person, and keeps everyone healthy.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR. 🧑🏻‍🎄



Ms. Wonkka



News from Junior High ELA & SS

Hello, Jr. High Students and Parents!

This month has really gone by very quickly. Students have been making the best of the remote learning situation, and we have all learned to be extremely flexible. Our daily ELA classes have focused on learning new vocabulary, practicing grammar rules, and reading a novel together. We have struggled with glitching internet at times but have persevered through all of this change.

Students have continued to work on various topics and projects in Social Studies classes. Learning about Mesopotamia, Canada, and Colonial times has been the focus for our Jr. High Students.

Gladly, this remote learning time is coming to an end and we will be back in person for the New Year. My wish is for all our families to have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Mrs. Stebbins

News from Junior High Science & Math

Middle School Science

Sixth and seventh graders are learning about how organisms interact with each other. Students have been working hard at studying the relationship between organisms. That scientific term is called symbiosis. There are three types of symbiosis: parasitism, commensalism, and mutualism. There have been multiple exercises students have completed to work toward understand of those three types. Students have also been seeing how organisms adapt in their environment whether it be behavioral or structural. An example of a behavioral adaptation is when birds fly south for the winter; an example of a structural adaptation is a polar bear's fur so he/she can survive a cold winter.

Eighth grade students are learning all about different types of energy. Heat, light, and sound are the main topics they have been studying. Do you know the difference between potential and kinetic energy? That's right! Potential energy is stored and kinetic refers to energy in motion. Students conducted a simple experiment involving refraction of light by using a pencil, water, and a container. They saw how the pencil appeared broken when looking at it the container. It is not actually broken but appears that way. This is because we are seeing light refraction because of the water.

Middle School Math

Sixth graders are in the early stages of pre-algebra. What are they learning? Combining like terms is the answer! $3a + 4b - a + 7b = ?$ The answer is $2a + 11b$. Students are learning also how to solve an equation that has a variable. What is $3x + 5$ when $x = 4$? The answer is 17.

Seventh grade students are learning pre-algebra also; however, they are learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide algebraic

expressions. $x+6=12$ What is x ? $x=6$ is the correct answer. How? Subtract -6 from both sides.

Do you remember what the Pythagorean theory is? In any right triangle, the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs is equal to the square of the length of the hypotenuse. Welcome to grade 8 math class. Students have been working on that concept. They also have been learning the difference between algebraic expressions and numerical expressions.

Before holiday break all students in grades 6-8 were working on their "12 Days of Christmas" project. What are they buying for their true love this holiday season? It can get costly! Don't forget the tax! Students are learning about sales tax and how quickly money can be spent.

Merry Christmas Everyone! Hoping for a Great New Year as we enter 2021!

Mr. Kennedy

News from Title I

Welcome, Mrs. Norma Gray! Mrs. Gray joined the SC5 crew on December 14th as a part-time Title I teacher. She was able to get to know teachers, explore intervention material, and join Zooms during the last few days of remote learning. Mrs. Gray is a seasoned teacher who saw this opportunity and "couldn't pass it up!" We're looking forward to getting to know her and having the extra help available for our students!

News from the Resource Room

Check out this link for some fun activities to do over the Christmas break! There are lots of neat projects and look like a lot of fun!

<https://www.momables.com/christmas-break-activities-for-kids-survival-guide-parents/>

Happy Holidays! Have fun. Stay safe! See you on January 4th!

Miss Miller

News from the Media Center

Peppermint Stick

I took a lick
Of a peppermint stick
And oh it tasted yummy!

It used to be
On the Christmas tree
But now it's in my
tummy!



Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Placey

News from the SAP

During remote learning, I have been assisting teachers with classes and any SAP issues that have come up. I meet with students and staff and talk with parents as needed. We've been fortunate to be able to continue with our 4th & 5th grade life skills class during this time as well!

Mrs. Crossley

